

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-4 without disclaimer to their content as these claims were allowed in amended form in the parent application ser. no. 08/964,246.

Please also cancel Claims 5-6 without disclaimer to their content as these claims were allowed in divisional application ser. no. 09/469,555.

Please amend Claim 7 in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121. A marked-up copy of the claim is attached herein on a separate sheet and a clean version of the claim is also attached herein on a separate sheet.

PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING NEW CLAIM:

Please add new Claim 8, which is attached herein on a separate sheet.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please delete the Abstract as filed and substitute therefor the enclosed ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE, which is submitted herewith on a separate sheet of paper in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.72.

Conclusion

A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

If the Office is not fully persuaded as to the merits of Applicant's position, or if an Examiner's Amendment would place

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the pending claims in condition for allowance, a telephone call to the undersigned at (727) 538-3800 would be appreciated.

Very respectfully,

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